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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE CHOGYAL'S WELFARE

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT CHOGYAL'S WELFARE ON JUNE 6 FROM SENATORS PELL AND MANSFIELD.

2. HOPE COOKE NAMGYAL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE INFORMED THE TWO SENATORS THAT SHE FEARS THE INDIANS MAY BE PLANNING SOME MOVE AGAINST THE CHOGYAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHICH MIGHT IMPERIL HIS LIFE. ACCORDING TO AN AIDE TO SENATOR PELL, HOPE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT MRS. GANDHI IS PLANNING TO HOLD A MEETING JUNE 10 AT WHICH THE GOI WILL RATIFY TAKING SOME UNSPECIFIED ACTION AGAINST THE CHOGYAL. HOPE IS SAID TO HAVE LEARNED OF THIS ALLEGED GOI PLAN FROM A LAWYER TO THE MAHARINI OF PATIALA WHO HEARD OF IT FROM AN INDIAN JOURNALIST WHO LEARNED WHAT WAS AFOOT FROM ONE OF HIS SOURCES.

3. IN ORDER TO ANSWER CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES, WE WOULD

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APPRECIATE AN UPDATE ON THE CHOGYAL'S STATUS AND ANY INFOR-

MATION (INCLUDING A NEGATIVE FINDING) EMBASSY MAY HAVE THAT
GOI IS PLANNING SOME MOVE AGAINST THE CHOGYAL. KISSINGER

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